

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph [0041] beginning at page 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0041] Further, a second analogous coevolutionary relationship between an interconnect as, for example, in a scalable isochronous interconnect, such as the interconnect described in United States Patent Application Number 10/021,414, filed October 30, 2001, titled *INTERSCALABLE INTERCONNECT*, now U.S. Patent No. 6,654,946, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, the interconnect characteristics on the one hand and the IP that the interconnect ties together. These two aspects interact mutually and may be thought of as enjoying a coevolutionary relationship because the characteristics of the interconnect and its protocol on the one hand will influence the characteristics of the IP that it is actually hooking up and vice versa.